

**Senate File 315 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the identification and notification of  
2 certain relatives of a child after an order for the removal  
3 of the child in a child in need of assistance proceeding.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 232.84, subsection 2, Code 2017, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. Within ~~thirty~~ fifteen days after the entry of an order  
4 under this chapter transferring custody of a child to an agency  
5 for placement, the agency shall exercise due diligence in  
6 identifying and providing notice to the child's grandparents,  
7 aunts, uncles, adult siblings, parents of the child's siblings,  
8 and adult relatives suggested by the child's parents, subject  
9 to exceptions due to the presence of family or domestic  
10 violence.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill relates to the identification and notification of  
15 certain relatives of a child after an order for the removal of  
16 the child from the custody of the child's parent or parents in  
17 a child in need of assistance proceeding.

18 Under current law, the department of human services (DHS),  
19 juvenile court services, or a private agency, within 30 days  
20 of an order for a child's removal from the custody of the  
21 child's parent or parents, shall exercise due diligence in  
22 identifying and providing notice to the child's grandparents,  
23 aunts, uncles, adult siblings, and adult relatives suggested by  
24 the parents subject to exceptions due to the presence of family  
25 or domestic violence. The bill amends the law to provide that  
26 DHS, juvenile court services, or a private agency must identify  
27 and notify such a child's relatives within 15 days of the order  
28 for removal.